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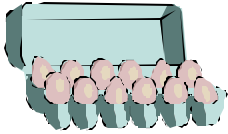
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to higher. Market tone ranged steady to firm, mostly steady to occasionally fully steady. Demand was generally moderate and best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to at times close. In the Midwest, breaking stock offerings remained tight to short and demand was good to very good. In the Eastern region, breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Light type fowl were short to adequate for current slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Prices paid to producers in New England were 2 cents higher for mediums and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate and best into feature activity planned for next week or in progress. Supplies were adequate for trading needs. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were short to adequate for processing requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand into all outlets was usually moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST Producer prices in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 1 cent higher for large, 2 cents higher for medium, with small unchanged. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. The trade sentiment continued steady to instances fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to good and best where featured. Loose egg trade was generally moderate. Supplies were in close balance to adequate for current needs. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was good to very good with some breakers short on breaking stock for current production needs. The trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm.

CHICAGO Prices for larger sizes increased 1 cent, mediums advanced 2 cents. The trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate and best where specials are planned or in progress. Supplies generally adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were generally trending higher than current week. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was moderate and best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate from regular commitments. Demand for additional product was mostly moderate. Light type fowl were short to adequate for current processing needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region. Medium and small asking prices were 4 cents higher in California; medium 2 cents higher in the Northwest. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings in good balance from all areas.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	98-101	93-97	62-64
New York	74-76	71-74	59-62
Philadelphia	69.5-74	67.5-72	53-59
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	63-64	61.5-63	47-48
Jackson (1)	72-73	70-71	56-57
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	76-90	74-88	52-66
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	65-70	64-69	51-56
Detroit (2)	60-63	59-62	43-46
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-67	60-65	44-50
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-71	62-69	47-54
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	84-87	81-83	58-60
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	86-98	83-90	67-73
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	102	93	77
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings in good balance locally with imports from outside the area fully supportive of local prices. Small invoice price 57. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 87-109, large dozen 99.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	119
EXTRA LARGE	102
LARGE	93
MEDIUM	77

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	106-116
EXTRA LARGE	86-98
LARGE	83-90
MEDIUM	67-73

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices continued higher. Demand was good to very good with additional offerings of heavy nest runs tight to short of production requirements. A few breakers had shortened schedules as inventories continue to tighten. Breakers in need continue to bid higher values. Trade sentiment fully steady to mostly firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	42-47	43-44
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-30	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher when compared to early week trading. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate and generally centered around regular commitments. Supplies were usually adequate for trading needs. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending September 30, 2000 were 1% less than the previous week, and 7% less than a year earlier. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	39-42
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26-31
EASTERN REGION AREA:	
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV	

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 30-Sep-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,197,992	28,339	11,358	5,961	2,302	4,092
PW	1,217,566	27,221	12,009	6,693	2,786	4,328
LY	1,201,109	27,196	11,476	6,455	2,569	3,808
% PW	-2	4	-5	-11	-17	-5
% LY	0	4	-1	-8	-10	7
2000	45,643,016	1,029,400	460,681	247,454	111,754	151,755
1999	43,203,786	997,605	412,239	224,839	100,888	136,604

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.53	41.27	40.74

NATIONAL LIQUID No pasteurized whites reported with pasteurized salt yolk ranging from 59 to 61 cents fob. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and yolk, and generally steady for whites. Demand was brisk for whole egg and yolk and was reported as good to very good. Additional interest in whites had improved at this call and rated as mostly moderate. Offerings were tight to about adequate for whole egg and yolk with whites adequate or available. A few breakers had shortened schedules and sited the lack of additional heavy nest run offerings as the main reason. Breaking stock supplies were tight to short of current needs.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 06 October, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	14	37-40	38.29	2.98
WHITES	10	24-26.5	25.05	.29
YOLKS	9	56-59	57.94	2.49

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to one cent higher on whites, one cent higher on yolks, and one to two cents higher on whole when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was fully steady on yolks, steady on whole, and unsettled to about steady on whites. Demand was light to good with best interest on yolks. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending September 30, 2000 were 1% less than last week, and 5% less than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	47-51	48-50	50-55
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		60-75
WHITES	37-39	38-39	43-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	62-67	64-66	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-65	62-64	62-66
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Prices ranged unchanged to higher with whites unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm for whole egg, about steady for whites, and continued firm for yolk. Demand was rated as good to instances very good for whole egg and yolk and mostly moderate for whites. Additional demand was mostly hand to mouth as sellers worked from tight to just adequate inventories and held product with confidence. Breaking stock supplies were tight to short of current needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	48-51	49-50
WHITES	36-39	37-39
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	62-67	64-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-65	62-64

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 2 cents higher on whole, unchanged on whites, and 1 cent higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/30 was 9% less than the previous week. Breaking stock and liquid offerings light. Frozen demand improved to fairly good and freezer stocks lighter. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	54-57
WHITES	41-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-71
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices on yolk were sharply higher, higher on whole, unchanged on blends, but 5 cents lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was fully steady to firm on yolks, steady to fully steady on whole, and unsettled on whites at prevailing price levels. Demand was usually light to fairly active with most inquiry still centering on yolk products. Supplies were about adequate on yolks, adequate on whole, and adequate to available on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending September 30, 2000 were 17% less than last week and 10% less than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.65-1.85	MOSTLY 1.75-1.80
YOLKS	1.34-1.60	MOSTLY 1.50-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.83-3.15	MOSTLY 2.85-2.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.35	MOSTLY 1.25-1.30

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 29, 00-OCT 5,00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
88.00								30.25							
SE				NE				MW				SC			
TOTAL LOADS				NW				SW				118.25			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	49.38	52.60	48.00	49.40	50.86	52.00	22.00	GNR W 1	59.64	60.64	—	54.00	—	—	16.50
GNR W 2	46.10	49.25	—	47.75	43.47	46.15	13.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	35.50	38.00	1.00	GNR BR 1	59.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	32.75	—	—	36.75	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	66.50	70.50	1.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	53.50	55.00	—	63.00	4.00	GL W XL	—	57.20	—	—	58.79	61.73	6.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	58.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	51.00	56.00	—	—	58.95	61.13	6.00
GL W XL	53.50	58.00	—	56.67	51.90	53.50	15.00	GL W MD	—	—	35.00	—	—	43.00	1.00
GL W LG	—	59.50	52.00	54.75	52.35	52.00	14.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	27.00	29.50	2.00
GL W MD	—	42.00	38.78	40.38	—	46.00	16.00								
GL W SM	—	26.00	22.38	24.00	—	—	5.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	43.50	43.50	44.00	2.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	43.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	31.50	7.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Supplies were short to adequate for processors needs. Processing schedules will be less than normal to normal for next week as offerings decreased in availability and holiday schedules. Demand was still light and unaggressive as canner sales were only fair. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with scheduling sufficient to cover needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked near desired schedules. Offerings still irregular.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.25 (2)	.25
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 06-OCT-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.33	70.95	57.81
SOUTHERN	72.77	70.85	51.97
MIDWEST	64.62	63.39	48.33
WESTERN	94.70	88.22	71.11
TWELVE METRO AREAS	79.02	75.43	59.93

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were about unchanged on light canners, but unchanged to slightly higher on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were still sufficient for current requirements. Demand was fair to good. Undertone was usually steady on lights and steady to fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY 25	25-28 MAJORITY 25.75-27.75

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24.75-27 MAJORITY 25	26.75-31 MAJORITY 27.5-28.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 30-SEPT-00

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	1,792	1,513	3,305
LAST WEEK	1,718	1,658	3,376
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,946	1,742	3,688
TO-DATE/2000	74,862	56,365	131,227
TO-DATE/1999	82,062	54,518	136,580

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	569	4	573
LAST WEEK	492	0	492
SAME WEEK YR AGO	390	0	390
TO-DATE/2000	18,302	295	18,597
TO-DATE/1999	18,252	204	18,456

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,361	1,517	3,878
LAST WEEK	2,210	1,658	3,868
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,336	1,742	4,078
TO-DATE/2000	93,164	56,660	149,824
TO-DATE/1999	100,314	54,722	155,036

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Sep 23, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	153	204	5,271
Frozen	0	0	126
Dried	0	0	419
Total	153	204	5,816

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Sep 23, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	10	91	4,047
Frozen	1	0	658
Dried	0	0	701
Total	11	91	5,406

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Sep 23, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	120	34	1,863
Extra Large	1,111	420	37,699
Large	3,831	7,437	109,062
Medium	690	916	26,169
Ungraded	12,270	18,000	290,164
Misc	0	120	9,387
Total	18,022	26,927	474,344

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
68-71	59-65	57-62	41-46	25-29

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
44-46	31-33	11-13

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	80-83	76-79	45-48	15-18

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 1-Oct-00	4,215	156,571	69,164
AM 1-Sep-00	4,051	167,385	75,915
CHG	164	-10814	-6751
PCT CHG	4	-6	-9

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of July 31, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on September 1, 2000 are:

FROZEN EGGS	16	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.01 PCT
TURKS	491	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.97 PCT
POP	740	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.96 PCT

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 30-Sep-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	22.2	25.1	-12	-25
BOSTON	4.1	3.3	24	-23
CHICAGO	51.7	50.8	2	-1
DETROIT	24.9	21.8	14	13
KANSAS CITY	3.9	4.6	-15	-15
LOS ANGELES	91.5	91.9	0	5
NEW ORLEANS	9.1	9.0	1	-1
NEW YORK	32.6	37.1	-12	-20
ST. LOUIS	17.6	12.3	43	14
SAN FRANCISCO	22.6	22.2	2	6
TOTAL	280.2	278.1	1	-3
4 WK MVG AVG	280.9			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

30-Sep-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	216.2	0	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	515.5	-2	8
W.N. CENTRAL	255.0	-4	35
S. ATLANTIC	190.2	-1	-1
S. CENTRAL	73.9	5	-1
WEST	179.2	-1	-21
TOTAL	1430.0	-1	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	89

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Up 8 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 163 million dozen during August 2000, up 8 percent from August a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, down 7 percent; North Central, up 13; South Atlantic, up 6; South Central, down 11; and Western, up 6.

August 2000 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and four Saturdays in August 1999.

Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication were used.

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG,

OCTOBER 03, 2000

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	112	107	76	48
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	105-109	100-104	69-73	41-45
MOSTLY	107-108	102-103	71-72	43-44
RHODE ISLAND	108-112	103-107	72-76	44-48
MOSTLY	108	103	72	44
VERMONT	115	110	79	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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